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computer system, said rental vehicle software program having means for automatically responding to a series of commands from said authorized purchaser and communicating a rental vehicle reservation to a computer for one of a plurality of providers of said rental vehicle services, said rental vehicle service provider computer being programmed with an integrated business software having means for offering rental vehicles for filling said reservation, said rental vehicle software program having means for managing the authorizing, processing and billing of said rental vehicle reservation so that a rental vehicle reservation may be automatically processed thereby for at least said one rental vehicle service provider.

52. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 51 wherein said authorized purchaser comprises a business organization, said business organization having a plurality of authorized purchasers, said plurality of authorized purchasers being enabled to access said Internet web site from any location offering Internet web access, and wherein said at least one rental vehicle service provider further comprising a second business organization, said second business organization comprising a plurality of diverse rental vehicle locations.

53. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 52 wherein the rental vehicle software program has means for accepting a remotely initiated reservation and communicating it to the authorized purchaser for authorization.

54. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 53 wherein the rental vehicle software program has means for an authorized purchaser to modify said reservation.

55. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 54 wherein the rental vehicle software program has means for an authorized purchaser to extend the authorization for said reservation.

56. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 52 wherein the rental vehicle software program has means for an authorized purchaser to generate reports relating to reservation activity conducted through said rental vehicle software program.

57. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 56 wherein said rental vehicle reservation system comprises a computer network having a main frame computer and wherein said rental vehicle service provider computer comprises a computer network having a main frame computer, said main frame computers being linked to each other, and wherein said second computer system further comprises a WAN.

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58. (new) A computer software program having means for providing an Internet site for access by a multi-level business organization to a plurality of service providers including one such service provider having it own computer system programmed with integrated business software, said computer software program having means for managing service reservations placed to said service provider's integrated business software and for fulfillment thereby, said computer software program having means for managing reservations placed therethrough including administrative control and accounting for said reservations.

59. (new) The computer software program of claim 58 wherein said computer software program has means for providing access to an authorized purchaser for placing said reservations, said authorized purchaser comprising the multi-level business organization.

60. (new) The computer software program of claim 59 wherein said at least one service provider comprises a multi-level business organization, said computer software program having means for providing communication between multiple levels of each business organization.

61. (new) The computer software program of claim 60 further comprising a first computer network, said computer software being resident on said first computer network, a second computer network, said integrated business software being resident on said second computer network, each of said computer networks having a main frame computer, said main frame computers being linked to each other and wherein said second computer system comprises a WAN.

62. (new) A method for managing reservations placed between a first multi-level business organization purchaser and a plurality of service providers, at least one of said service providers comprising a multi-level business service provider organization, said multi-level business service provider having a computer system programmed with an integrated business software for fulfillment of said reservations, the method comprising:

providing a computer system, said computer system being programmed with reservation management software having means for providing internet access thereto by said multi-level purchaser,

accepting reservations entered by said purchaser into said reservation management software and communicating at least some of them to the service provider's integrated business software for fulfillment, and

storing data for use by said reservation management software relating to the reservations processed thereby, said data thereby being available for management of said reservations including the invoicing and payment therefor.

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63. (new) The method of claim 62 further comprising the step of enabling the purchaser to modify any reservation placed into said reservation management software.

64. (new) The method of claim 63 further comprising the step of generating reports summarizing the reservations placed by a purchaser through said management software.

65. (new) An internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system, said system having an internet web site through which an authorized purchaser of rental vehicle services has access to said system, said system including a computer system programmed with a management software program, said management software program having means for receiving reservations for vehicle rentals, said system having a link to a plurality of rental vehicle service providers including at least one service provider having an integrated business software program for processing and fulfilling said reservations.

66. (new) The internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system of claim 65 wherein said management software has means for invoicing the reservations placed therethrough.

67. (new) The internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system of claim 65 wherein said management software has means for the authorized purchaser to modify the reservations placed therethrough

68. (new) The internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system of claim 65 wherein said management software has means for generating reports summarizing the reservations placed by the authorized purchaser therethrough.

Remarks

Examiners Morgan and Thomas are thanked for the courtesies extended to applicant's representatives who attended the interview at the Patent Office on July 10th. During that interview the claims were discussed and note made of applicant's amendment sent in prior to that interview in which applicant's position as to the patentability of the claims originally on file was presented. Applicant respectfully submits that the arguments presented in the amendment are considered persuasive that the claims are fully patentable over the cited and available prior art. Thus, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to consider that amendment and argument, and allow the originally presented claims as amended therein.